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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Item 4 (b)

Programme 14
Economic and social development in Africa

1. At its 14th meeting, on 20 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 14)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of them.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. The inclusion of new mandates related to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), HIV/AIDS and the least developed countries was welcomed. The view was expressed that references to the United Nations Millennium Declaration should be included in the text of the overall orientation of the programme. It was pointed out that the proposed revisions should have included references to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa. The view was expressed that reference to the South-South summit held in Havana in the spring of

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2000 should be incorporated in the text under overall orientation. The inclusion of the reference to the Constitutive Act of the African Union under subprogramme 6 was welcomed.

4. The establishment of the new subprogramme 9, dealing with training and infrastructure development, was supported. The view was also expressed that since the training activities to be carried out under new subprogramme 9 were cross-cutting they could have been addressed under already existing subprogrammes.

5. The view was expressed that a number of indicators of achievement should be reformulated in order to provide a qualitative analysis of the impact of the work and of the progress achieved.

6. Clarification was sought of the definition of the concepts "economic management" and "corporate governance". It was explained that they referred to the daily management of economics, including macroeconomic stability, effective management, regulatory and appropriate frameworks, the achievement of greater transparency and the fight against corruption.

7. Queries were raised about the change of the name of subprogramme 3. It was explained that food security was still an issue to be dealt with by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it examine this programme in the light of the final assessment of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) and any decisions which might be taken on NEPAD.

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with the following modifications:

Indicators of achievement

Throughout the whole text, after the word "number" insert the words "and impact".

Paragraph 14.2

At the end of the paragraph, add the words "the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit of the Group of 77, held in Havana from 10 to 14 April 2000".

Paragraph 14.13 (a)

In the third sentence, after the words "the Lome IV Convention", insert the words "and other trade-related bilateral and multilateral initiatives".

Paragraph 14.13 (c)

Retain the original wording of paragraph 14.13 (c) of the medium-term plan, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Subprogramme 3

Retain the original name of subprogramme 3 given in the medium-term plan, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Paragraph 14.21 (b)

At the end of the second sentence, after the words "economic and corporate governance", insert the words "in the context of implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development".

Paragraph 14.21 (c)

Delete the first sentence (*moved from old paragraph 14.13 (c)*).

Paragraph 14.30

Retain the original wording of paragraph 14.30 of the medium-term plan, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Paragraph 14.31 (b)

Retain the original wording of paragraph 14.31 (b) of the medium-term plan, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Paragraph 14.31 (c)

Retain the original wording of paragraph 14.31 (c) of the medium-term plan, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Paragraph 14.37

In the third sentence, replace the words "in the framework of the implementation of" with the words "in support of the objectives of".

Paragraph 14.43

Replace the words "the number of" with the words "efficiency in the training provided to".

Legislative mandates

- **Add General Assembly resolutions 56/202 (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries), 55/182 and 56/178 (International trade and development) to the general part.**
- **Add General Assembly resolution 55/182 (International trade and development) to subprogramme 2.**